On the anniversary of one of the most tragic days in our nation's history, I call upon Americans to commemorate 9/11 as a day of remembrance and resolve.

As a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and foremost as an American citizen, the horrific events of September 11th, 2001 struck me with pain and sorrow.

However, in the midst of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, heroes emerged. The firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and other first responders who risked their lives in the attempt to save others should never be forgotten and always remembered for their courage.

We should also never forget the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives on United Flight 93 to prevent further destruction and deaths. In one of America's darkest hours, strength and resolve emerged, and this feeling resonated throughout the rest of the United States, as we all joined together in an amazing show of support and solidarity.

Today we remember the thousands of innocent victims who lost their lives, and honor those who bravely sacrificed their own attempting to save others. My heart goes out to their families.